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SUBJECT: IRAQI SECURITY PERSONNEL

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1. WE ARE STILL HOLDING THE SERVICE PASSPORTS AND VISA APPLICATIONS OF THE SEVEN IRAQIS WHO APPEAR TO BE SECURITY TYPES FOR USUN AND IRAQINT. I HAVE NOW EXPLAINED OUR POSITION AS STATED REF B TO FOUR SEPARATE MFA OFFICIALS, BUT WE STILL RECEIVE CALLS AND VISITS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE MFA ASKING FOR ISSUANCE OF THE VISAS.

2. ON THE BASIS OF MY LAST DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT, WITH ZAHAWI ON AUGUST 26, IT APPEARS THAT THE GOI IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF GETTING ITSELF ORGANIZED ON THIS ISSUE. I AGAVE HIM A LIST OF THE NAMES INVOLVED (PART OF THE CONFUSION RESULTS FROM THE FACT THAT SEVERAL BONA-FIDE DIPLOMATS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ADDED TO THE STAFFS IN THE US, REF A) AND HE UNDERTOOK TO GET THINGS SORTED OUT. ZAHAWI UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENT FOR COORDINATION, ETC., AND PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH.

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3. IT NOW SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT OUR ORIGINAL SUPPOSITIONS WERE CORRECT : IRAQ WANTS SECURITY PEOPLE AT ITS MISSIONS. FURTHER CONFIRMATION IS OFFERED BY THE FACT THAT THE SWISS ARE DEALING WITH VISA APPLICATIONS FOR 10 BEARERS OF SERVICE PASSPORTS, AND THE FINNS WITH SEVEN. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE AUSTRIANS AND SWEDES

HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY APPROACHED.

4. COMMENT: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SECURITY PERSONNEL AND COMMANDO SQUADS SEEMS TO BE WORRYING THE EUROPEANS SOMEWHAT. IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THE IRAQIS INTEND TO USE EMBASSY PERSONNEL AS HIT MEN, HOWEVER, BOTH BECAUSE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNWISE AND BECAUSE IT IS UNNECESSARY. THEY HAVE OTHER, MORE EFFECTIVE AND LESS OPEN MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL. THERE IS THE ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS HAVING ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS WHICH IS MORE LIKELY, AND ALSO RATHER WORRISOME BOTH IN EUROPE AND IN THE U.S.

5. WE WILL KEEP THE DEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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